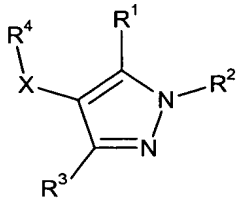


(Ib)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof, wherein

either (i) R^1 is H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, phenyl, benzyl, halo, -CN, -OR^7, -CO_2R^5, -$CONR^5R^5$, -$OCONR^5R^5$, -$NR^5CO_2R^7$, -NR^5R^5, -NR^5COR^5, -NR^5CO-(C_1-C_6 alkylene)-OR^5, -$NR^5CONR^5R^5$, -$NR^5SO_2R^7$ or R^6, said C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, phenyl and benzyl being optionally substituted by halo, -CN, -OR^5, -OR^8, -CO_2R^5, -$CONR^5R^5$, -$OCONR^5R^5$, -$NR^5CO_2R^7$, -NR^5R^5, -NR^8R^9, -NR^5COR^5, -NR^5COR^6, -NR^5COR^8, -$SO_2NR^5R^5$, -$NR^5CONR^5R^5$, -$NR^5SO_2R^7$ or R^6 and

R^2 is -Y-Z,

or, R^1 and R^2, when taken together, represent unbranched C_3-C_4 alkylene, optionally wherein one methylene group of said C_3-C_4 alkylene is replaced by an oxygen atom or a nitrogen atom, said nitrogen atom being optionally substituted by R^5 or R^8,

and R^3 is H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, phenyl, benzyl, -CN, halo, -OR^7, -CO_2R^5, -$CONR^5R^5$, -$OCONR^5R^5$, -$NR^5CO_2R^7$, -NR^5R^5, -NR^5COR^5, -$NR^5CONR^5R^5$, -$NR^5SO_2R^7$ or R^6, said C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, phenyl and benzyl being optionally substituted by halo, -CN, -OR^5, -CO_2R^5, -$CONR^5R^5$, -$OCONR^5R^5$, -$NR^5CO_2R^7$, -NR^5R^5, -NR^5COR^5, -$SO_2NR^5R^5$, -$NR^5CONR^5R^5$, -$NR^5SO_2R^7$ or R^6,

or (ii) R^1 and R^3 are each independently C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl or halo-(C_1-C_6 alkyl), and R^2 is H,

provided that

(a) for definition (i), R^1 and R^3 are not both H,

(b) for definition (i), R^1 and R^3 are not both optionally substituted phenyl, as defined therein,

(c) for definition (i), when R^1 and R^3 are both methyl, R^2 is not phenyl or methyl, and

(d) for definition (ii), R^1 and R^3 are not both methyl;

Y is a direct bond or C_1-C_3 alkylene;

Z is R^{10} or, where Y is C_1-C_3 alkylene, Z is $-NR^5COR^{10}$, $-NR^5CONR^5R^{10}$, $-NR^5CONR^5COR^{10}$ or $-NR^5SO_2R^{10}$;

R^4 is phenyl or pyridyl, each substituted by at least one substituent selected from halo, -CN, C_1-C_6 alkyl, fluoro-(C_1-C_6)-alkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl and C_1-C_6 alkoxy;

each R^5 is independently either H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, fluoro-(C_1-C_6)-alkyl, phenyl or benzyl, or, when two such groups are attached to the same nitrogen atom, those two groups taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached represent azetidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, homopiperidinyl, piperazinyl, homopiperazinyl or morpholinyl, said azetidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, homopiperidinyl, piperazinyl, homopiperazinyl and morpholinyl being optionally substituted by C_1-C_6 alkyl or C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl and said piperazinyl and homopiperazinyl being optionally substituted on the nitrogen atom not taken together with the two R^5 groups to form the ring by $-COR^7$ or $-SO_2R^7$;

R^6 is a four to six-membered, aromatic, partially unsaturated or saturated heterocyclic group containing (i) from 1 to 4 nitrogen heteroatom(s) or (ii) 1 or 2 nitrogen heteroatom(s) and 1 oxygen or 1 sulphur heteroatom or (iii) 1 or 2 oxygen or sulphur heteroatom(s), said heterocyclic group being optionally substituted by $-OR^5$, $-NR^5R^5$, -CN, oxo, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, $-COR^7$ or halo;

R^7 is C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, fluoro-(C_1-C_6)-alkyl, phenyl or benzyl;

R^8 is C_1-C_6 alkyl substituted by phenyl, pyridyl or pyrimidinyl, said phenyl, pyridyl and pyrimidinyl being optionally substituted by halo, -CN, $-CONR^5R^5$, $-SO_2NR^5R^5$, $-NR^5SO_2R^7$, $-NR^5R^5$, -(C_1-C_6 alkylene)-NR^5R^5, C_1-C_6 alkyl, fluoro-(C_1-C_6)-alkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl or C_1-C_6 alkoxy;

R^9 is H, C_1-C_6 alkyl or C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, said C_1-C_6 alkyl and C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl being optionally substituted by $-OR^5$, $-NR^5R^5$, $-NR^5COR^5$, $-CONR^5R^5$ or R^6;

R^{10} is (a) benzyl or C-linked R^6, said benzyl being optionally substituted by halo, $-OR^5$, $-OR^{12}$, -CN, $-CO_2R^7$, $-CONR^5R^5$, $-OCONR^5R^5$, $-C(=NR^5)NR^5OR^5$, $-CONR^5NR^5R^5$, $-OCONR^5CO_2R^7$, $-NR^5R^5$, $-NR^5R^{12}$, $-NR^5COR^5$, $-NR^5CO_2R^7$, $-NR^5CONR^5R^5$, $-NR^5COCONR^5R^5$, $-NR^5SO_2R^7$, $-SO_2NR^5R^5$ or R^6, or (b) when R^1 and R^3 are each independently C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl or halo-(C_1-C_6 alkyl), R^{10} is phenyl, C_1-C_6 alkyl or C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl each being optionally substituted by halo, $-OR^5$, $-OR^{12}$, -CN, $-CO_2R^7$, $-CONR^5R^5$, $-OCONR^5R^5$, $-C(=NR^5)NR^5OR^5$, $-CONR^5NR^5R^5$, $-OCONR^5CO_2R^7$, $-NR^5R^5$, $-NR^5R^{12}$, $-NR^5COR^5$, $-NR^5CO_2R^7$, $-NR^5CONR^5R^5$, $-NR^5COCONR^5R^5$, $-NR^5SO_2R^7$, $-SO_2NR^5R^5$ or R^6;

X is $-CH_2-$, $-CHR^{11}-$, -CO-, -S-, -SO- or $-SO_2-$;

R^{11} is C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, fluoro-(C_1-C_6)-alkyl or C_1-C_6 alkoxy; and

R^{12} is C_1-C_6 alkyl substituted by R^6, $-OR^5$, $-CONR^5R^5$, $-NR^5COR^5$ or $-NR^5R^5$.--

--77. (New) A compound according to claim 76 wherein R^1 is C_1-C_6 alkyl, $-OR^7$, $-CO_2R^5$, $-NR^5CO_2R^7$, $-NR^5R^5$, $-NR^5CO$-(C_1-C_6 alkylene)-OR^5 or R^6, said C_1-C_6 alkyl being optionally substituted by halo, -CN, $-OR^5$, $-OR^8$, $-CO_2R^5$, $-CONR^5R^5$, $-OCONR^5R^5$, $-NR^5CO_2R^7$, $-NR^5R^5$, $-NR^8R^9$, $-NR^5COR^5$, $-NR^5COR^6$, $-NR^5COR^8$, $-SO_2NR^5R^5$, $-NR^5CONR^5R^5$, $-NR^5SO_2R^7$ or R^6.--

--78. (New) A compound according to claim 77 wherein R^1 is C_1-C_6 alkyl, $-OR^7$, $-CO_2R^5$, $-NR^5CO_2R^7$, $-NR^5R^5$, $-NR^5CO$-(C_1-C_6 alkylene)-OR^5 or R^6, said C_1-C_6 alkyl being optionally substituted by halo or $-OR^5$.--

--79. (New) A compound according to claim 78 wherein R^1 is C_1-C_3 alkyl, -OCH_3, -CO_2(C_1-C_2 alkyl), -$NHCO_2$(C_1-C_2 alkyl), -NH_2, -$N(CH_3)_2$, -$NHCOCH_2OCH_3$ or furanyl, said C_1-C_3 alkyl being optionally substituted by fluoro or -OH.--

--80. (New) A compound according to claim 79 wherein R^1 is methyl, ethyl, prop-2-yl, hydroxymethyl, trifluoromethyl, -OCH_3, -$CO_2CH_2CH_3$, -$NHCO_2CH_2CH_3$, -NH_2, -$N(CH_3)_2$, -$NHCOCH_2OCH_3$ or furan-2-yl.--

--81. (New) A compound according to claim 80 wherein R^1 is ethyl.--

--82. (New) A compound according to claim 76 wherein R^1 is methyl, ethyl, trifluoromethyl or -CH_2NHCH_2(4-cyanophenyl).--

--83. (New) A compound according to claim 76 wherein R^2 is H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, -(C_1-C_3 alkylene)-NR^5CO-(C_1-C_6 alkyl), -(C_1-C_3 alkylene)-NR^5CONR^5-(C_1-C_6 alkyl), -(C_1-C_3 alkylene)-NR^5CONR^5CO-(phenyl), -(C_1-C_3 alkylene)-NR^5SO_2(C-linked R^6), -(C_1-C_3 alkylene)-NR^5CO(C-linked R^6), -(C_1-C_3 alkylene)-NR^5CO-(phenyl), each C_1-C_6 alkyl and phenyl being optionally substituted by halo, -OR^5, -OR^{12}, -CN, -CO_2R^7, -$CONR^5R^5$, -$OCONR^5R^5$, -$C(=NR^5)NR^5OR^5$, -$CONR^5NR^5R^5$, -$OCONR^5CO_2R^7$, -NR^5R^5, -NR^5R^{12}, -NR^5COR^5, -$NR^5CO_2R^7$, -$NR^5CONR^5R^5$, -$NR^5COCONR^5R^5$, -$NR^5SO_2R^7$, -$SO_2NR^5R^5$ or R^6.--

--84. (New) A compound according to claim 83 wherein R^2 is H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, -(C_1-C_3 alkylene)-NR^5CO-(C_1-C_6 alkyl), -(C_1-C_3 alkylene)-NR^5CONR^5-(C_1-C_6 alkyl), -(C_1-C_3 alkylene)-NR^5CONR^5CO-(phenyl), -(C_1-C_3 alkylene)-$NR^5SO_2R^6$, -(C_1-C_3 alkylene)-NR^5COR^6, -(C_1-C_3 alkylene)-NR^5CO-(phenyl), each C_1-C_6 alkyl and phenyl being optionally substituted by halo, -OR^5, -CN, -CO_2R^7, -$CONR^5R^5$, -$OCONR^5R^5$, -$OCONR^5CO_2R^7$, -NR^5R^5, -$NR^5CONR^5R^5$, -$NR^5COCONR^5R^5$ or R^6.--

--85. (New) A compound according to claim 84 wherein R^2 is H, C_1-C_3 alkyl, -(C_1-C_2 alkylene)-NHCO-(C_1-C_3 alkyl), -(C_1-C_2 alkylene)-NHCONH-(C_1-C_3 alkyl), -(C_1-C_2 alkylene)-NHCONHCO-(phenyl), -(C_1-C_2 alkylene)-$NHSO_2R^6$, -(C_1-C_2 alkylene)-$NHCOR^6$, -(C_1-C_2 alkylene)-NHCO-(phenyl), each C_1-C_3 alkyl and phenyl being optionally substituted by fluoro, -OH, -O(C_1-C_6 alkyl), -CN, -CO_2(C_1-C_6 alkyl), -$CONH_2$, -$OCONH_2$, -$OCONHCO_2Ph$, -NH_2, -N(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_2$, -$NHCONH_2$, -$NHCOCONH_2$ or R^6.--

--86. (New) A compound according to claim 83 wherein R^6 is 2,4-dihydroxypyrimidinyl, 1-methylimidazolyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, 1,5-dimethylpyrazolyl, tetrazolyl, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, 3-hydroxypyridazinyl, 2-hydroxypyridinyl, 2-oxo-2H-pyranyl or 1,2,3-thiadiazolyl.--

--87. (New) A compound according to claim 85 wherein R^2 is H, -CH_2OH, -CH_2CH_2OH, -$CH_2CH_2CH_2OH$, -CH_2OCONH_2, -$CH_2CH_2OCONH_2$, -$CH_2OCONHCO_2Ph$, -$CH_2CO_2CH_2CH_3$, -$CH_2CH_2CO_2CH_3$, -$CH_2CH_2CO_2CH_2CH_3$, -$CH_2CH_2CONH_2$, -$CH_2CH_2NH_2$, -$CH_2CH_2CH_2NH_2$, -$CH_2CH_2NHCOCHF_2$, -$CH_2CH_2NHCOCH_2CN$, -$CH_2CH_2NHCOCH_2N(CH_3)_2$, -$CH_2CH_2NHCOCH_2OCH_3$, -$CH_2CH_2NHCOCH_2OH$, -$CH_2CH_2NHCOCH_2OCH_2CH_3$, -$CH_2CH_2NHCOCH_2NHCONH_2$, -$CH_2CH_2NHCOCONH_2$, -$CH_2CH_2NHCONHCH_2CH_2CH_3$, -$CH_2CH_2NHCONHCOPh$, -$CH_2CH_2NHCONHCO$(2,6-difluorophenyl), -$CH_2CH_2NHSO_2$(2,4-dihydroxypyrimidin-5-yl), -$CH_2CH_2NHSO_2$(1-methylimidazol-4-yl), -CH_2CH_2NHCO(tetrahydrofuran-2-yl), -CH_2CH_2NHCO(1,5-dimethylpyrazol-3-yl), -$CH_2CH_2NHCOCH_2$(tetrazol-1-yl), -$CH_2CH_2NHCOPh$, -CH_2CH_2NHCO(pyridin-2-yl), -CH_2CH_2NHCO(pyrimidin-2-yl), -CH_2CH_2NHCO(2-fluorophenyl), -CH_2CH_2NHCO(3-hydroxyphenyl), -CH_2CH_2NHCO(3-hydroxypyridazin-6-yl), -CH_2CH_2NHCO(2-hydroxypyridin-6-yl), -CH_2CH_2NHCO(2-oxo-2H-pyran-5-yl) or -CH_2CH_2NHCO(1,2,3-thiadiazol-4-yl).--

--88. (New) A compound according to claim 76 wherein R^2 is H, methyl, $-CH_2CH_2OH$, $-CH_2CH_2CH_2OH$, $-CH_2CH_2NH_2$, $-CH_2CH_2CH_2NH_2$, $-CH_2CN$, $-CH_2CH_2OCH_3$, $-CH_2CONH_2$, $-CH_2CH_2NHCOCH_2OCH_3$ or azetidin-3-yl.--

--89. (New) A compound according to claim 88 wherein R^2 is $-CH_2CH_2OH$, $-CH_2CH_2NH_2$, $-CH_2CN$ or azetidin-3-yl.--

--90. (New) A compound according to claim 76 wherein R^3 is C_1-C_6 alkyl, $-CO_2R^5$, $-CONR^5R^5$, $-NR^5CO_2R^7$ or $-NR^5R^5$, said C_1-C_6 alkyl being optionally substituted by halo, -CN, $-OR^5$, $-CO_2R^5$, $-CONR^5R^5$, $-OCONR^5R^5$, $-NR^5CO_2R^7$, $-NR^5R^5$, $-NR^5COR^5$, $-SO_2NR^5R^5$, $-NR^5CONR^5R^5$, $-NR^5SO_2R^7$ or R^6.--

--91. (New) A compound according to claim 90 wherein R^3 is C_1-C_6 alkyl, $-CO_2R^5$, $-CONR^5R^5$, $-NR^5CO_2R^7$ or $-NR^5R^5$, said C_1-C_6 alkyl being optionally substituted by halo, CN or $-OR^5$.--

--92. (New) A compound according to claim 91 wherein R^3 is C_1-C_3 alkyl, $-CO_2(C_1$-C_2 alkyl), $-CONH_2$, $-NHCO_2(C_1$-C_4 alkyl), $-N(CH_3)_2$ or $-NH_2$, said C_1-C_3 alkyl being optionally substituted by halo, -CN or -OH.--

--93. (New) A compound according to claim 92 wherein R^3 is methyl, ethyl, prop-2-yl, hydroxymethyl, cyanomethyl, trifluoromethyl, $-CO_2CH_2CH_3$, $-CONH_2$, $-NHCO_2C(CH_3)_3$, $-N(CH_3)_2$ or $-NH_2$.--

--94. (New) A compound according to claim 93 wherein R^3 is methyl, ethyl, prop-2-yl or trifluoromethyl.--

--95. (New) A compound according to claim 94 wherein R^3 is ethyl.--

--96. (New) A compound according to claim 76 wherein R^4 is phenyl substituted by at least one substituent selected from halo, -CN, C_1-C_6 alkyl, fluoro-(C_1-C_6)-alkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl and C_1-C_6 alkoxy.--

--97. (New) A compound according to claim 96 wherein R^4 is phenyl substituted by at least one substituent selected from halo, -CN and C_1-C_3 alkyl.--

--98. (New) A compound according to claim 97 wherein R^4 is phenyl substituted by at least one substituent selected from fluoro, chloro, bromo, -CN and methyl.--

--99. (New) A compound according to claim 98 wherein R^4 is 3-chlorophenyl, 4-chlorophenyl, 3-fluorophenyl, 3,5-dichlorophenyl, 2,6-difluorophenyl, 3,5-difluorophenyl, 3,5-dibromophenyl, 3,5-dicyanophenyl or 3,5-dimethylphenyl.--

--100. (New) A compound according to claim 97 wherein R^4 is (i) phenyl substituted at the 3 position by fluoro, chloro, methyl or cyano or (ii) phenyl substituted at the 3 and 5 positions by two substituents independently chosen from fluoro, chloro, methyl and cyano.--

--101. (New) A compound according to claim 76 wherein X is -CH_2-, -CHR^{11}-, -CO-, -S- or -SO_2-.--

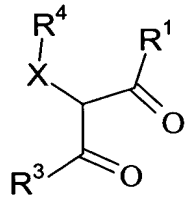
--102. (New) A compound according to claim 101 wherein X is -CH_2-, -$CH(OCH_3)$-, -CO-, -S- or -SO_2-.--

--103. (New) A compound according to claim 102 wherein X is $-CH_2-$ or -S-.--

--104. (New) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 76 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient, diluent or carrier.--

--105. (New) A process for the preparation of a compound of claim 76, wherein R^1 and R^3 are each either H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, phenyl, benzyl, $-NH_2$, $-CO_2R^5$, $-CONR^5R^5$, or C-linked R^6, optionally substituted where allowed, which includes the reaction of

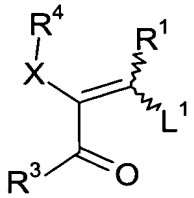
(a) a compound of the formula



(II)

wherein R^1, R^3 and R^4 are as defined in claim 76;

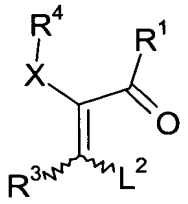
(b) a compound of the formula



(IV)

wherein R^1, R^3, R^4 and X are as defined in claim 76 and L^1 is a leaving group;

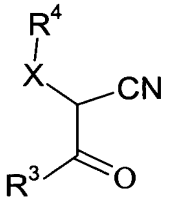
(c) a compound of the formula



(V)

wherein R^1, R^3, R^4 and X are as defined in claim 76 and L^2 is a leaving group;

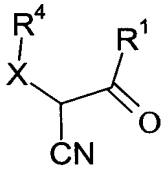
(d) a compound of the formula



(XXX)

wherein R^3, R^4 and X are as defined in claim 76; or

(e) a compound of the formula



(XXXII)

wherein R^1, R^4 and X are as defined in claim 76;

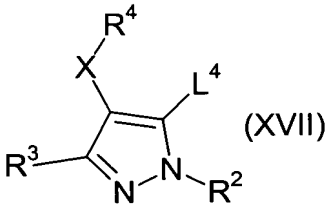
with a compound of the formula

H_2NNHR^2 (III),

wherein R^2 is as defined in claim 76, or a salt or solvate thereof, optionally followed by the conversion of the compound of claim 76 to a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.-

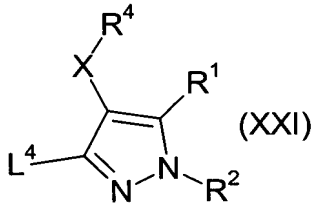
--106. (New) The process of claim 105, wherein the leaving group for the compound of formula IV and V is dimethylamino.--

--107. (New) A process for the preparation of a compound of claim 76, wherein R^1 or R^3 is $-OR^7$, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof, includes the reaction of a compound of the formula



(XVII)

wherein R^1, R^3, R^4 and X are as defined in claim 76 and L^4 is a leaving group; or a compound of the formula



(XXI)

wherein R^1, R^3, R^4 and X are as defined in claim 76 and L^4 is a leaving group;

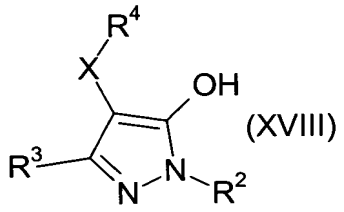
with a compound of the formula

R^7OH (XXV)

wherein R^7 is as defined in claim 76, in the presence of a catalyst optionally followed by the conversion of the compound of claim 76 to a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.--

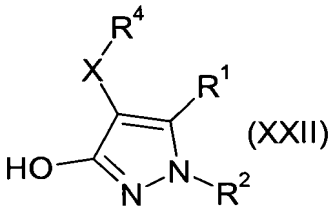
--108. (New) The process of claim 107, wherein said catalyst is a palladium catalyst and said leaving group is trifluoromethanesulphonate.--

--109. (New) A process for the preparation of a compound claim 76, wherein R^1 or R^3 is $-OR^7$, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof, which includes the reaction of a compound of the formula



(XVIII)

wherein R^2, R^3, R^4 and X are as defined in claim 76, or a compound of the formula



(XXII)

wherein R^1, R^2, R^4 and X are as defined in claim 76, with a compound of the formula

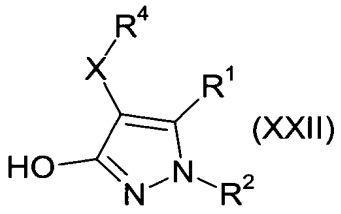
R^7OH (XXV)

wherein R^7 is as defined in claim 76, under dehydrating conditions, optionally followed by the conversion of the said compound to a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.--

--110. (New) The process of claim 109, wherein the reaction is performed in the presence of a dialkylazodicarboxylate and a triarylphosphine.--

--111. (New) The process of claim 110, wherein said dialkylazodicarboxylate is diethylazodicarboxylate and said triarylphosphine is triphenylphosphine,--

--112. (New) A process for the preparation of a compound of the claim 76, wherein R^1 or R^3 is $-OR^7$, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof, which includes the reaction of a compound of the formula



(XXII)

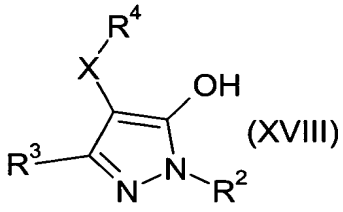
wherein R^2, R^3, R^4 and X are as defined in claim 76, or a compound of the formula wherein R^1, R^2, R^4 and X are as defined in claim 76, with a compound of the formula

$$R^7L^7 \text{ (XXIX)}$$

wherein R^7 is as defined in claim 76 and L^7 is a leaving group optionally followed by the conversion of said compound to a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.--

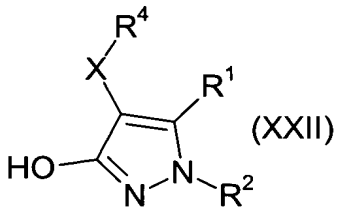
--113. (New) The process of claim 112, wherein the leaving group is a halo group.--

--114. (New) A process for the preparation of a compound of claim 76, wherein R^1 or R^3 is $-OCONR^5R^5$, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof, which includes the reaction of a compound of the formula



(XVIII)

wherein R^2, R^3, R^4 and X are as defined in claim 76, or a compound of the formula



(XXII)

wherein R^1, R^2, R^4 and X are as defined in claim 76,with a compound of the formula

$R^5R^5NCOL^5$ (XXVI)

in which R^5 is as defined in claim 76 and L^5 is a leaving group or with a compound of the formula

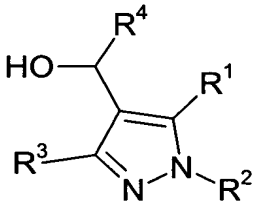
$R^5N=C=O$ (XXVII)

in which R^5 is as defined in claim 76, optionally followed by the conversion of said compound to a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.--

--115. (New) The process of claim 114, wherein said leaving group is chloro.--

--116. (New) A process for the preparation of a compound of claim 76, wherein X is -CO- or $-CHR^{10}-$ and R^{10} is C_1-C_6 alkoxy, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof, which includes

(a) the oxidation of a compound of the formula



(XXXIV)

wherein R^1, R^2, R^3 and R^4 are as defined in claim 76, or

(b) the reaction of a compound of the formula (XXXIV), as defined above, with a compound of the formula

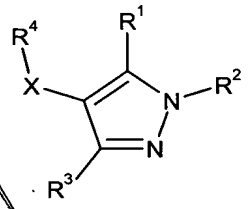
R^bL^8 (XXXVIII)

wherein R^b is C_1-C_6 alkyl and L^8 is a leaving group, optionally followed by the conversion said compound to a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.--

--117. (New) The process of claim 116, wherein said leaving group is chloro, bromo or iodo.--

--118. (New) A process for the preparation of a compound of the claim 76, containing an -OH, -NH- or $-NH_2$ group or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof, which includes the deprotection of a corresponding compound bearing an $-OP^1$, $-NP^1$- or $-NHP^1$ group, respectively, wherein the group P^1 is a protecting group, optionally followed by the conversion of said compound to a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.--

--119. (New) A method for the treatment of a human immunodeficiency viral (HIV), a genetically related retroviral infection or a resulting acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) comprising the administration of an effective amount of a compound of the formula (I)



(I)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof, wherein

either (i) R^1 is H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, phenyl, benzyl, halo, -CN, $-OR^7$, $-OR^8$, $-CO_2R^5$, $-CONR^5R^5$, $-OCONR^5R^5$, $-NR^5CO_2R^7$, $-NR^5R^5$, $-NR^5COR^5$, $-NR^5CO$-(C_1-C_6 alkylene)-OR^5, $-NR^5CONR^5R^5$, $-NR^5SO_2R^7$ or R^6, said C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, phenyl and benzyl being optionally substituted by halo, -CN, $-OR^5$, $-OR^8$, $-CO_2R^5$, $-CONR^5R^5$,

$-OCONR^5R^5$, $-NR^5CO_2R^7$, $-NR^5R^5$, $-NR^8R^9$, $-NR^5COR^5$, $-NR^5COR^6$, $-NR^5COR^8$, $-SO_2NR^5R^5$, $-NR^5CONR^5R^5$, $-NR^5SO_2R^7$ or R^6, and

R^2 is H or -Y-Z,

or, (ii) R^1 and R^2, when taken together, represent unbranched C_3-C_4 alkylene, optionally wherein one methylene group of said C_3-C_4 alkylene is replaced by an oxygen atom or a nitrogen atom, said nitrogen atom being optionally substituted by R^5 or R^8;

Y is a direct bond or C_1-C_3 alkylene;

Z is R^{10} or, where Y is C_1-C_3 alkylene, Z is $-NR^5COR^{10}$, $-NR^5CONR^5R^{10}$, $-NR^5CONR^5COR^{10}$ or $-NR^5SO_2R^{10}$;

R^3 is H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, phenyl, benzyl, -CN, halo, $-OR^7$, $-CO_2R^5$, $-CONR^5R^5$, $-OCONR^5R^5$, $-NR^5CO_2R^7$, $-NR^5R^5$, $-NR^5COR^5$, $-NR^5CONR^5R^5$, $-NR^5SO_2R^7$ or R^6, said C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, phenyl and benzyl being optionally substituted by halo, -CN, $-OR^5$, $-CO_2R^5$, $-CONR^5R^5$, $-OCONR^5R^5$, $-NR^5CO_2R^7$, $-NR^5R^5$, $-NR^5COR^5$, $-SO_2NR^5R^5$, $-NR^5CONR^5R^5$, $-NR^5SO_2R^7$ or R^6;

R^4 is phenyl or pyridyl, each being optionally substituted by R^6, halo, -CN, C_1-C_6 alkyl, fluoro-(C_1-C_6)-alkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl or C_1-C_6 alkoxy;

each R^5 is independently either H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, fluoro-(C_1-C_6)-alkyl, phenyl or benzyl, or, when two such groups are attached to the same nitrogen atom, those two groups taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached represent azetidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, homopiperidinyl, piperazinyl, homopiperazinyl or morpholinyl, said azetidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, homopiperidinyl, piperazinyl, homopiperazinyl and morpholinyl being optionally substituted by C_1-C_6 alkyl or C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl and said piperazinyl and homopiperazinyl being optionally substituted on the nitrogen atom not taken together with the two R^5 groups to form the ring by $-COR^7$ or $-SO_2R^7$;

R^6 is a four to six-membered, aromatic, partially unsaturated or saturated heterocyclic group containing (i) from 1 to 4 nitrogen heteroatom(s) or (ii) 1 or 2 nitrogen heteroatom(s) and 1 oxygen or 1 sulphur heteroatom or (iii) 1 or 2 oxygen or sulphur heteroatom(s), said

heterocyclic group being optionally substituted by $-OR^5$, $-NR^5R^5$, -CN, oxo, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, $-COR^7$ or halo;

R^7 is C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, fluoro-(C_1-C_6)-alkyl, phenyl or benzyl;

R^8 is C_1-C_6 alkyl substituted by phenyl, phenoxy, pyridyl or pyrimidinyl, said phenyl, phenoxy, pyridyl and pyrimidinyl being optionally substituted by halo, -CN, $-CONR^5R^5$, $-SO_2NR^5R^5$, $-NR^5SO_2R^7$, $-NR^5R^5$, -(C_1-C_6 alkylene)-NR^5R^5, C_1-C_6 alkyl, fluoro-(C_1-C_6)-alkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl or C_1-C_6 alkoxy;

R^9 is H, C_1-C_6 alkyl or C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, said C_1-C_6 alkyl and C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl being optionally substituted by $-OR^5$, $-NR^5R^5$, $-NR^5COR^5$, $-CONR^5R^5$ or R^6;

R^{10} is C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_6 alkenyl, C_3-C_6 alkynyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, phenyl, benzyl or C-linked R^6, said C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, phenyl and benzyl being optionally substituted by halo, $-OR^5$, $-OR^{12}$, -CN, $-CO_2R^7$, $-CONR^5R^5$, $-OCONR^5R^5$, $-C(=NR^5)NR^5OR^5$, $-CONR^5NR^5R^5$, $-OCONR^5CO_2R^7$, $-NR^5R^5$, $-NR^5R^{12}$, $-NR^5COR^5$, $-NR^5CO_2R^7$, $-NR^5CONR^5R^5$, $-NR^5COCONR^5R^5$, $-NR^5SO_2R^7$, $-SO_2NR^5R^5$ or R^6;

X is $-CH_2$-, $-CHR^{11}$-, -CO-, -S-, -SO- or $-SO_2$-;

R^{11} is C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, fluoro-(C_1-C_6)-alkyl or C_1-C_6 alkoxy; and

R^{12} is C_1-C_6 alkyl substituted by R^6, $-OR^5$, $-CONR^5R^5$, $-NR^5COR^5$ or $-NR^5R^5$.

--120. (New) The method of claim 119, wherein R^1 is C_1-C_6 alkyl, $-OR^7$, $-CO_2R^5$, $-NR^5CO_2R^7$, $-NR^5R^5$, $-NR^5CO$-(C_1-C_6 alkylene)-OR^5 or R^6, said C_1-C_6 alkyl being optionally substituted by halo, -CN, $-OR^5$, $-OR^8$, $-CO_2R^5$, $-CONR^5R^5$, $-OCONR^5R^5$, $-NR^5CO_2R^7$, $-NR^5R^5$, $-NR^8R^9$, $-NR^5COR^5$, $-NR^5COR^6$, $-NR^5COR^8$, $-SO_2NR^5R^5$, $-NR^5CONR^5R^5$, $-NR^5SO_2R^7$ or R^6.--

--121. (New) The method of claim 120, wherein R^1 is C_1-C_6 alkyl, $-OR^7$, $-CO_2R^5$, $-NR^5CO_2R^7$, $-NR^5R^5$, $-NR^5CO$-(C_1-C_6 alkylene)-OR^5 or R^6, said C_1-C_6 alkyl being optionally substituted by halo or $-OR^5$.--

--122. (New) The method of claim 121, wherein R^1 is C_1-C_3 alkyl, -OCH_3, -CO_2(C_1-C_2 alkyl), -$NHCO_2$(C_1-C_2 alkyl), -NH_2, -$N(CH_3)_2$, -$NHCOCH_2OCH_3$ or furanyl, said C_1-C_3 alkyl being optionally substituted by fluoro or -OH.--

--123. (New) The method of claim 122, wherein R^1 is methyl, ethyl, prop-2-yl, hydroxymethyl, trifluoromethyl, -OCH_3, -$CO_2CH_2CH_3$, -$NHCO_2CH_2CH_3$, -NH_2, -$N(CH_3)_2$, -$NHCOCH_2OCH_3$ or furan-2-yl.--

--124. (New) The method of claim 123, wherein R^1 is ethyl.--

--125. (New) The method of claim 119 wherein R^1 is methyl, ethyl, trifluoromethyl or -CH_2NHCH_2(4-cyanophenyl).--

--126. (New) The method of claim 119 wherein R^2 is H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, -(C_1-C_3 alkylene)-NR^5CO-(C_1-C_6 alkyl), -(C_1-C_3 alkylene)-NR^5CONR^5-(C_1-C_6 alkyl), -(C_1-C_3 alkylene)-NR^5CONR^5CO-(phenyl), -(C_1-C_3 alkylene)-NR^5SO_2(C-linked R^6), -(C_1-C_3 alkylene)-NR^5CO(C-linked R^6), -(C_1-C_3 alkylene)-NR^5CO-(phenyl), each C_1-C_6 alkyl and phenyl being optionally substituted by halo, -OR^5, -OR^{12}, -CN, -CO_2R^7, -$CONR^5R^5$, -$OCONR^5R^5$, -$C(=NR^5)NR^5OR^5$, -$CONR^5NR^5R^5$, -$OCONR^5CO_2R^7$, -NR^5R^5, -NR^5R^{12}, -NR^5COR^5, -$NR^5CO_2R^7$, -$NR^5CONR^5R^5$, -$NR^5COCONR^5R^5$, -$NR^5SO_2R^7$, -$SO_2NR^5R^5$ or R^6.—

--127. (New) The method of claim 126, wherein R^2 is H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, -(C_1-C_3 alkylene)-NR^5CO-(C_1-C_6 alkyl), -(C_1-C_3 alkylene)-NR^5CONR^5-(C_1-C_6 alkyl), -(C_1-C_3 alkylene)-NR^5CONR^5CO-(phenyl), -(C_1-C_3 alkylene)-$NR^5SO_2R^6$, -(C_1-C_3 alkylene)-NR^5COR^6, -(C_1-C_3 alkylene)-NR^5CO-(phenyl), each C_1-C_6 alkyl and phenyl being optionally substituted by halo, -OR^5, -CN, -CO_2R^7, -$CONR^5R^5$, -$OCONR^5R^5$, -$OCONR^5CO_2R^7$, -NR^5R^5, -$NR^5CONR^5R^5$, -$NR^5COCONR^5R^5$ or R^6.--

--128. (New) The method of claim 127, wherein R^2 is H, C_1-C_3 alkyl, -(C_1-C_2 alkylene)-NHCO-(C_1-C_3 alkyl), -(C_1-C_2 alkylene)-NHCONH-(C_1-C_3 alkyl), -(C_1-C_2 alkylene)-NHCONHCO-(phenyl), -(C_1-C_2 alkylene)-$NHSO_2R^6$, -(C_1-C_2 alkylene)-$NHCOR^6$, -(C_1-C_2 alkylene)-NHCO-(phenyl), each C_1-C_3 alkyl and phenyl being optionally substituted by fluoro, -OH, -O(C_1-C_6 alkyl), -CN, -CO_2(C_1-C_6 alkyl), -$CONH_2$, -$OCONH_2$, -$OCONHCO_2Ph$, -NH_2, -N(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_2$, -$NHCONH_2$, -$NHCOCONH_2$ or R^6.--

--129. (New) The method of claim 126, wherein R^6 is 2,4-dihydroxypyrimidinyl, 1-methylimidazolyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, 1,5-dimethylpyrazolyl, tetrazolyl, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, 3-hydroxypyridazinyl, 2-hydroxypyridinyl, 2-oxo-2H-pyranyl or 1,2,3-thiadiazolyl.--

--130. (New) The method of claim 128, wherein R^2 is H, -CH_2OH, -CH_2CH_2OH, -$CH_2CH_2CH_2OH$, -CH_2OCONH_2, -$CH_2CH_2OCONH_2$, -$CH_2OCONHCO_2Ph$, -$CH_2CO_2CH_2CH_3$, -$CH_2CH_2CO_2CH_3$, -$CH_2CH_2CO_2CH_2CH_3$, -$CH_2CH_2CONH_2$, -$CH_2CH_2NH_2$, -$CH_2CH_2CH_2NH_2$, -$CH_2CH_2NHCOCHF_2$, -$CH_2CH_2NHCOCH_2CN$, -$CH_2CH_2NHCOCH_2N(CH_3)_2$, -$CH_2CH_2NHCOCH_2OCH_3$, -$CH_2CH_2NHCOCH_2OH$, -$CH_2CH_2NHCOCH_2OCH_2CH_3$, -$CH_2CH_2NHCOCH_2NHCONH_2$, -$CH_2CH_2NHCOCONH_2$, -$CH_2CH_2NHCONHCH_2CH_2CH_3$, -$CH_2CH_2NHCONHCOPh$, -$CH_2CH_2NHCONHCO$(2,6-difluorophenyl), -$CH_2CH_2NHSO_2$(2,4-dihydroxypyrimidin-5-yl), -$CH_2CH_2NHSO_2$(1-methylimidazol-4-yl), -CH_2CH_2NHCO(tetrahydrofuran-2-yl), -CH_2CH_2NHCO(1,5-dimethylpyrazol-3-yl), -$CH_2CH_2NHCOCH_2$(tetrazol-1-yl), -$CH_2CH_2NHCOPh$, -CH_2CH_2NHCO(pyridin-2-yl), -CH_2CH_2NHCO(pyrimidin-2-yl), -CH_2CH_2NHCO(2-fluorophenyl), -CH_2CH_2NHCO(3-hydroxyphenyl), -CH_2CH_2NHCO(3-hydroxypyridazin-6-yl), -CH_2CH_2NHCO(2-hydroxypyridin-6-yl), -CH_2CH_2NHCO(2-oxo-2H-pyran-5-yl) or -CH_2CH_2NHCO(1,2,3-thiadiazol-4-yl).--

--131. (New) The method of claim 119, wherein R^2 is H, methyl, $-CH_2CH_2OH$, $-CH_2CH_2CH_2OH$, $-CH_2CH_2NH_2$, $-CH_2CH_2CH_2NH_2$, $-CH_2CN$, $-CH_2CH_2OCH_3$, $-CH_2CONH_2$, $-CH_2CH_2NHCOCH_2OCH_3$ or azetidin-3-yl.--

--132. (New) The method of claim 131 wherein R^2 is $-CH_2CH_2OH$, $-CH_2CH_2NH_2$, $-CH_2CN$ or azetidin-3-yl.--

--133. (New) The method of claim 132 wherein R^3 is C_1-C_6 alkyl, $-CO_2R^5$, $-CONR^5R^5$, $-NR^5CO_2R^7$ or $-NR^5R^5$, said C_1-C_6 alkyl being optionally substituted by halo, -CN, $-OR^5$, $-CO_2R^5$, $-CONR^5R^5$, $-OCONR^5R^5$, $-NR^5CO_2R^7$, $-NR^5R^5$, $-NR^5COR^5$, $-SO_2NR^5R^5$, $-NR^5CONR^5R^5$, $-NR^5SO_2R^7$ or R^6.--

--134. (New) The method of claim 133 wherein R^3 is C_1-C_6 alkyl, $-CO_2R^5$, $-CONR^5R^5$, $-NR^5CO_2R^5$ or $-NR^5R^5$, said C_1-C_6 alkyl being optionally substituted by halo, -CN or $-OR^5$.--

--135. (New) The method of claim 134 wherein R^3 is C_1-C_3 alkyl, $-CO_2(C_1$-C_2 alkyl), $-CONH_2$, $-NHCO_2(C_1$-C_4 alkyl), $-N(CH_3)_2$ or $-NH_2$, said C_1-C_3 alkyl being optionally substituted by halo, -CN or -OH.--

--136. (New) The method of claim 135 wherein R^3 is methyl, ethyl, prop-2-yl, hydroxymethyl, cyanomethyl, trifluoromethyl, $-CO_2CH_2CH_3$, $-CONH_2$, $-NHCO_2C(CH_3)_3$, $-N(CH_3)_2$ or $-NH_2$.--

--137. (New) The method of claim 136 wherein R^3 is methyl, ethyl, prop-2-yl or trifluoromethyl.--

--138. (New) The method of claim 137 wherein R^3 is ethyl.--

--139. (New) The method of claim 119 wherein R^4 is phenyl optionally substituted by R^6, halo, -CN, C_1-C_6 alkyl, fluoro-(C_1-C_6)-alkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl or C_1-C_6 alkoxy.--

--140. (New) The method of claim 139 wherein R^4 is phenyl substituted by halo, -CN or C_1-C_3 alkyl.--

--141. (New) The method of claim 140 wherein R^4 is phenyl substituted by fluoro, chloro, bromo, -CN, or methyl.--

--142. (New) The method of claim 141 wherein R^4 is 3-chlorophenyl, 4-chlorophenyl, 3-fluorophenyl, 3,5-dichlorophenyl, 2,6-difluorophenyl, 3,5-difluorophenyl, 3,5-dibromophenyl, 3,5-dicyanophenyl or 3,5-dimethylphenyl.--

--143. (New) The method of claim 142 wherein R^4 is (i) phenyl substituted at the 3 position by fluoro, chloro, methyl or cyano or (ii) phenyl substituted at the 3 and 5 positions by two substituents independently chosen from fluoro, chloro, methyl and cyano.--

--144. (New) The method of claim 119 wherein X is -CH_2-, -CHR^{11}-, -CO-, -S- or -SO_2-.--

--145. (New) The method of claim 144 wherein X is -CH_2-, -$CH(OCH_3)$-, -CO-, -S- or -SO_2-.--

--146. (New) The method of claim 145 wherein X is -CH_2- or -S-.--

--147. (New) The method of claim 119 wherein the compound of the formula (I) is selected from the group consisting of: 2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanol;

2-[4-(3-chlorobenzyl)-3-isopropyl-5-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanol;

2-[4-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-isopropyl-5-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanol;

2-[4-(3-fluorobenzyl)-3-isopropyl-5-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanol;

2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-5-isopropyl-3-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanol;

ethyl [4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]acetate;

ethyl [4-(3-fluorobenzyl)-3-isopropyl-5-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]acetate;

N^1-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}ethanediamide;

N-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}-6-oxo-1,6-dihydro-3-pyridazinecarboxamide;

N-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}-1,5-dimethyl-1*H*-pyrazole-3-carboxamide;

2-[(aminocarbonyl)amino]-*N*-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}acetamide;

N-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}-2-ethoxyacetamide;

N-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}-2-pyridinecarboxamide;

N-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}-2-methoxyacetamide;

N-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}-6-oxo-1,6-dihydro-2-pyridinecarboxamide;

N-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}-2-pyrazinecarboxamide;

N-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}-2-oxo-2*H*-pyran-5-carboxamide;

N-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}-2-(1*H*-tetraazol-1-yl)acetamide;

N-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}tetrahydro-2-furancarboxamide;

N-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}-3-hydroxybenzamide;

N-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}-2-hydroxyacetamide;

N-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}-1,2,3-thiadiazole-4-carboxamide;

N-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}-2-(dimethylamino)acetamide;

2-cyano-*N*-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}acetamide;

N-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}-2-fluorobenzamide;

N-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}-*N*'-propylurea;

N-benzoyl-*N*'-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}urea;

2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3-isopropyl-5-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanol;

ethyl [4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3-isopropyl-5-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]acetate;

ethyl [4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-5-isopropyl-3-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]acetate;

4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazole;

2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-dimethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanol;

2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-5-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanol;

2-{4-[(4-chlorophenyl)sulfanyl]-3,5-dimethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl}ethanol;

ethyl [4-(3-chlorobenzyl)-3-isopropyl-5-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]acetate;

ethyl [4-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-isopropyl-5-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]acetate;

4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3-isopropyl-5-methyl-1*H*-pyrazole;

4-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-isopropyl-5-methyl-1*H*-pyrazole;

4-(3-fluorobenzyl)-3-isopropyl-5-methyl-1*H*-pyrazole;

4-(3-chlorobenzyl)-3-isopropyl-5-methyl-1*H*-pyrazole;

2-{4-[(3,5-dichlorophenyl)sulfanyl]-3,5-dimethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl}ethanol;

2-{4-[(3,5-dichlorophenyl)sulfonyl]-3,5-dimethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl}ethanol;

4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-dimethyl-1*H*-pyrazole;

2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-dimethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanamine;

2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-5-ethyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanol;

2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3-ethyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanol;

2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-5-ethyl-3-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanol;

2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3-ethyl-5-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanol;

2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3-(dimethylamino)-5-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanol;

2-[4-(3,5-dimethylbenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanol;

2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-5-methoxy-3-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanol;

2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-5-(2-furyl)-3-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanol;

(3,5-dichlorophenyl)[3,5-diethyl-1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1*H*-pyrazol-4-yl]methanone;

(±)-2-{4-[(3,5-dichlorophenyl)(methoxy)methyl]-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl}ethanol;

2-[4-(2,6-difluorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanol;

2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl carbamate;

methyl 3-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]propanoate;

ethyl 3-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]propanoate;

3-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]propanamide;

3-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]-1-propanol;

[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]methanol;

[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]methyl carbamate;

2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanamine;

N-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}benzamide;

N-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}-1-methyl-1*H*-imidazole-4-sulfonamide;

ethyl 4-[(3,5-dichlorophenyl)sulfanyl]-5-ethyl-1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1*H*-pyrazole-3-carboxylate;

ethyl 4-[(3,5-dichlorophenyl)sulfanyl]-3-ethyl-1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1*H*-pyrazole-5-carboxylate;

4-[(3,5-dichlorophenyl)sulfanyl]-5-ethyl-1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1*H*-pyrazole-3-carboxamide;

2-[4-[(3,5-dichlorophenyl)sulfanyl]-5-ethyl-3-(hydroxymethyl)-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanol;

3-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]-1-propanamine;

2-[4-[(3,5-dichlorophenyl)sulfanyl]-3-ethyl-5-(hydroxymethyl)-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanol;

N-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}-2,2-difluoroacetamide;

[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]methyl phenyl imidodicarbonate;

N-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}-*N'*-(2,6-difluorobenzoyl)urea;

N-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}-2,4-dioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-5-pyrimidinesulfonamide;

ethyl 4-[(3,5-dichlorophenyl)sulfanyl]-5-ethyl-1*H*-pyrazole-3-carboxylate;

[4-[(3,5-dichlorophenyl)sulfanyl]-5-ethyl-1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1*H*-pyrazol-3-yl]acetonitrile;

[4-[(3,5-dichlorophenyl)sulfonyl]-5-ethyl-1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1*H*-pyrazol-3-yl]acetonitrile;

2-{4-[(3,5-dichlorophenyl)sulfanyl]-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl}ethanol;

4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3-ethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-5-amine;

ethyl 4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3-ethyl-1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1*H*-pyrazol-5-ylcarbamate;

N-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3-ethyl-1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1*H*-pyrazol-5-yl]-2-methoxyacetamide;

2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-5-(dimethylamino)-3-ethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanol;

ethyl 4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-5-methyl-1*H*-pyrazole-3-carboxylate;

ethyl 4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-3-methyl-1*H*-pyrazole-5-carboxylate;

tert-butyl 4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-5-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-3-ylcarbamate;

2-[3-amino-4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-5-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanol;

ethyl [4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-5-methoxy-3-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]acetate;

2-[5-amino-4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3-ethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanol;

5-{[3,5-diethyl-1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1*H*-pyrazol-4-yl]methyl}isophthalonitrile;

5-[(3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-4-yl)methyl]isophthalonitrile;

5-{[1-(2-aminoethyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-4-yl]methyl}isophthalonitrile;

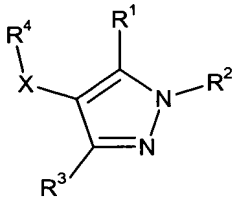
2-{4-[(3,5-dibromophenyl)sulfanyl]-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl}ethanol; and

5-{[3,5-diethyl-1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1*H*-pyrazol-4-yl]sulfanyl}isophthalonitrile;

and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts and solvates thereof.--

--148. (New) The method of claim 147, wherein said compound selected from the group consisting of 2-{4-[(3,5-dichlorophenyl)sulfanyl]-3,5-dimethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl}ethanol; 2-[4-[(3,5-dichlorophenyl)sulfanyl]-3-ethyl-5-(hydroxymethyl)-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanol; and 2-{4-[(3,5-dichlorophenyl)sulfanyl]-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl}ethanol.--

--149. (New) A method for the treatment of a human immunodeficiency viral (HIV), or genetically related retroviral, infection or a resulting acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) comprising the administration of an effective amount of a compound of formula (Ia)



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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof, wherein:

R^1 is H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, phenyl, benzyl, halo, $-OR^5$, $-CO_2R^5$, $-CONR^5R^6$, $-OCONR^5R^6$, $-NR^5CO_2R^6$, $-NR^5R^6$, $-NR^5COR^6$, $-SO_2NR^5R^6$, $-NR^5CONR^6R^7$, $-NR^5SO_2R^6$ or R^8, said C_1-C_6 alkyl, phenyl and benzyl being optionally substituted by halo, $-OR^5$, $-CO_2R^5$, $-CONR^5R^6$, $-OCONR^5R^6$, $-NR^5CO_2R^6$, $-NR^5R^6$, $-NR^5COR^6$, $-SO_2NR^5R^6$, $-NR^5CONR^6R^7$, $-NR^5SO_2R^6$ or R^8;

R^2 is H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, phenyl, benzyl or C-linked R^{12}, said C_1-C_6 alkyl, phenyl and benzyl being optionally substituted by $-OR^9$, $-CO_2R^9$, $-CO_2NR^9R^{10}$, $-NR^9R^{10}$, $-NR^9COR^{10}$, $-NR^9CO_2R^{10}$, $-NR^9CONR^{10}R^{11}$, $-SO_2NR^9R^{10}$, $-NR^9SO_2R^{10}$ or R^{12};

R^3 is H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, phenyl, benzyl, halo, $-OR^{13}$, $-CO_2R^{13}$, $-CONR^{13}R^{14}$, $-OCONR^{13}R^{14}$, $-NR^{13}CO_2R^{14}$, $-NR^{13}R^{14}$, $-NR^{13}COR^{14}$, $-SO_2NR^{13}R^{14}$, $-NR^{13}CONR^{14}R^{15}$, $-NR^{13}SO_2R^{14}$ or R^{16}, said C_1-C_6 alkyl, phenyl and benzyl being optionally substituted by halo, $-OR^{13}$, $-CO_2R^{13}$, $-CONR^{13}R^{14}$, $-OCONR^{13}R^{14}$, $-NR^{13}CO_2R^{14}$, $-NR^{13}R^{14}$, $-NR^{13}COR^{14}$, $-SO_2NR^{13}R^{14}$, $-NR^{13}CONR^{14}R^{15}$, $-NR^{13}SO_2R^{14}$ or R^{16};

R^4 is phenyl or pyridyl, each being optionally substituted by halo, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 haloalkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl or C_1-C_6 alkoxy;

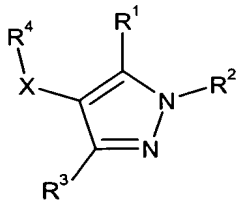
R^5, R^6, R^7, R^9, R^{10}, R^{11}, R^{13}, R^{14} and R^{15} are either each H, C_1-C_6 alkyl or C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl or, when two such groups are attached to the same nitrogen atom, those two groups taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached may represent azetidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, homopiperidinyl, piperazinyl, homopiperazinyl or

morpholinyl, said azetidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, homopiperidinyl, piperazinyl, homopiperazinyl and morpholinyl being optionally substituted by C_1-C_6 alkyl or C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl;

R^8, R^{12} and R^{16} are each a five- or six-membered heterocyclic group containing 1 to 4 heteroatoms selected from O, N and S and optionally substituted by oxo, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl or halo; and

X is $-CH_2-$, -S-, -SO- or $-SO_2-$.--

--150. (New) A method for the treatment of a disorder treatable by the inhibition of reverse transcriptase, comprising the administration of an effective amount of a compound of the formula (I),



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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof, wherein

either (i) R^1 is H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, phenyl, benzyl, halo, -CN, $-OR^7$, $-OR^8$, $-CO_2R^5$, $-CONR^5R^5$, $-OCONR^5R^5$, $-NR^5CO_2R^7$, $-NR^5R^5$, $-NR^5COR^5$, $-NR^5CO-(C_1$-C_6 alkylene)$-OR^5$, $-NR^5CONR^5R^5$, $-NR^5SO_2R^7$ or R^6, said C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, phenyl and benzyl being optionally substituted by halo, -CN, $-OR^5$, $-OR^8$, $-CO_2R^5$, $-CONR^5R^5$, $-OCONR^5R^5$, $-NR^5CO_2R^7$, $-NR^5R^5$, $-NR^8R^9$, $-NR^5COR^5$, $-NR^5COR^6$, $-NR^5COR^8$, $-SO_2NR^5R^5$, $-NR^5CONR^5R^5$, $-NR^5SO_2R^7$ or R^6, and

R^2 is H or -Y-Z,

or, (ii) R^1 and R^2, when taken together, represent unbranched C_3-C_4 alkylene, optionally wherein one methylene group of said C_3-C_4 alkylene is replaced by an oxygen atom or a nitrogen atom, said nitrogen atom being optionally substituted by R^5 or R^8;

Y is a direct bond or C_1-C_3 alkylene;

Z is R^{10} or, where Y is C_1-C_3 alkylene, Z is $-NR^5COR^{10}$, $-NR^5CONR^5R^{10}$, $-NR^5CONR^5COR^{10}$ or $-NR^5SO_2R^{10}$;

R^3 is H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, phenyl, benzyl, -CN, halo, $-OR^7$, $-CO_2R^5$, $-CONR^5R^5$, $-OCONR^5R^5$, $-NR^5CO_2R^7$, $-NR^5R^5$, $-NR^5COR^5$, $-NR^5CONR^5R^5$, $-NR^5SO_2R^7$ or R^6, said C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, phenyl and benzyl being optionally substituted by halo, -CN, $-OR^5$, $-CO_2R^5$, $-CONR^5R^5$, $-OCONR^5R^5$, $-NR^5CO_2R^7$, $-NR^5R^5$, $-NR^5COR^5$, $-SO_2NR^5R^5$, $-NR^5CONR^5R^5$, $-NR^5SO_2R^7$ or R^6;

R^4 is phenyl or pyridyl, each being optionally substituted by R^6, halo, -CN, C_1-C_6 alkyl, fluoro-(C_1-C_6)-alkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl or C_1-C_6 alkoxy;

each R^5 is independently either H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, fluoro-(C_1-C_6)-alkyl, phenyl or benzyl, or, when two such groups are attached to the same nitrogen atom, those two groups taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached represent azetidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, homopiperidinyl, piperazinyl, homopiperazinyl or morpholinyl, said azetidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, homopiperidinyl, piperazinyl, homopiperazinyl and morpholinyl being optionally substituted by C_1-C_6 alkyl or C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl and said piperazinyl and homopiperazinyl being optionally substituted on the nitrogen atom not taken together with the two R^5 groups to form the ring by $-COR^7$ or $-SO_2R^7$;

R^6 is a four to six-membered, aromatic, partially unsaturated or saturated heterocyclic group containing (i) from 1 to 4 nitrogen heteroatom(s) or (ii) 1 or 2 nitrogen heteroatom(s) and 1 oxygen or 1 sulphur heteroatom or (iii) 1 or 2 oxygen or sulphur heteroatom(s), said heterocyclic group being optionally substituted by $-OR^5$, $-NR^5R^5$, -CN, oxo, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, $-COR^7$ or halo;

R^7 is C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, fluoro-(C_1-C_6)-alkyl, phenyl or benzyl;

R^8 is C_1-C_6 alkyl substituted by phenyl, phenoxy, pyridyl or pyrimidinyl, said phenyl, phenoxy, pyridyl and pyrimidinyl being optionally substituted by halo, -CN, $-CONR^5R^5$, $-SO_2NR^5R^5$, $-NR^5SO_2R^7$, $-NR^5R^5$, -(C_1-C_6 alkylene)-NR^5R^5, C_1-C_6 alkyl, fluoro-(C_1-C_6)-alkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl or C_1-C_6 alkoxy;

R^9 is H, C_1-C_6 alkyl or C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, said C_1-C_6 alkyl and C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl being optionally substituted by $-OR^5$, $-NR^5R^5$, $-NR^5COR^5$, $-CONR^5R^5$ or R^6;

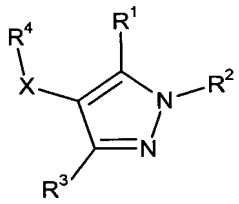
R^{10} is C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_6 alkenyl, C_3-C_6 alkynyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, phenyl, benzyl or C-linked R^6, said C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, phenyl and benzyl being optionally substituted by halo, $-OR^5$, $-OR^{12}$, -CN, $-CO_2R^7$, $-CONR^5R^5$, $-OCONR^5R^5$, $-C(=NR^5)NR^5OR^5$, $-CONR^5NR^5R^5$, $-OCONR^5CO_2R^7$, $-NR^5R^5$, $-NR^5R^{12}$, $-NR^5COR^5$, $-NR^5CO_2R^7$, $-NR^5CONR^5R^5$, $-NR^5COCONR^5R^5$, $-NR^5SO_2R^7$, $-SO_2NR^5R^5$ or R^6;

X is $-CH_2-$, $-CHR^{11}-$, -CO-, -S-, -SO- or $-SO_2-$;

R^{11} is C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, fluoro-(C_1-C_6)-alkyl or C_1-C_6 alkoxy; and

R^{12} is C_1-C_6 alkyl substituted by R^6, $-OR^5$, $-CONR^5R^5$, $-NR^5COR^5$ or $-NR^5R^5$

or a compound of the formula (Ia)



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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof, wherein:

R^1 is H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, phenyl, benzyl, halo, $-OR^5$, $-CO_2R^5$, $-CONR^5R^6$, $-OCONR^5R^6$, $-NR^5CO_2R^6$, $-NR^5R^6$, $-NR^5COR^6$, $-SO_2NR^5R^6$, $-NR^5CONR^6R^7$, $-NR^5SO_2R^6$ or R^8, said C_1-C_6 alkyl, phenyl and benzyl being optionally substituted by halo, $-OR^5$, $-CO_2R^5$, $-CONR^5R^6$, $-OCONR^5R^6$, $-NR^5CO_2R^6$, $-NR^5R^6$, $-NR^5COR^6$, $-SO_2NR^5R^6$, $-NR^5CONR^6R^7$, $-NR^5SO_2R^6$ or R^8;

R^2 is H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, phenyl, benzyl or C-linked R^{12}, said C_1-C_6 alkyl, phenyl and benzyl being optionally substituted by $-OR^9$, $-CO_2R^9$, $-CO_2NR^9R^{10}$, $-NR^9R^{10}$, $-NR^9COR^{10}$, $-NR^9CO_2R^{10}$, $-NR^9CONR^{10}R^{11}$, $-SO_2NR^9R^{10}$, $-NR^9SO_2R^{10}$ or R^{12};R^3 is H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, phenyl, benzyl, halo, $-OR^{13}$, $-CO_2R^{13}$, $-CONR^{13}R^{14}$, $-OCONR^{13}R^{14}$, $-NR^{13}CO_2R^{14}$, $-NR^{13}R^{14}$, $-NR^{13}COR^{14}$, $-SO_2NR^{13}R^{14}$, $-NR^{13}CONR^{14}R^{15}$, $-NR^{13}SO_2R^{14}$ or R^{16}, said C_1-C_6 alkyl, phenyl and benzyl being optionally substituted by halo, $-OR^{13}$, $-CO_2R^{13}$,

$-CONR^{13}R^{14}$, $-OCONR^{13}R^{14}$, $-NR^{13}CO_2R^{14}$, $-NR^{13}R^{14}$, $-NR^{13}COR^{14}$, $-SO_2NR^{13}R^{14}$, $-NR^{13}CONR^{14}R^{15}$, $-NR^{13}SO_2R^{14}$ or R^{16};

R^4 is phenyl or pyridyl, each being optionally substituted by halo, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 haloalkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl or C_1-C_6 alkoxy;

R^5, R^6, R^7, R^9, R^{10}, R^{11}, R^{13}, R^{14} and R^{15} are either each H, C_1-C_6 alkyl or C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl or, when two such groups are attached to the same nitrogen atom, those two groups taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached may represent azetidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, homopiperidinyl, piperazinyl, homopiperazinyl or morpholinyl, said azetidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, homopiperidinyl, piperazinyl, homopiperazinyl and morpholinyl being optionally substituted by C_1-C_6 alkyl or C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl;

R^8, R^{12} and R^{16} are each a five- or six-membered heterocyclic group containing 1 to 4 heteroatoms selected from O, N and S and optionally substituted by oxo, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl or halo; and

X is $-CH_2-$, -S-, -SO- or $-SO_2-$ to a patient in need of such treatment.--

--151. (New) A compound selected from the group consisting of: 2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanol;

2-[4-(3-chlorobenzyl)-3-isopropyl-5-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanol;

2-[4-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-isopropyl-5-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanol;

2-[4-(3-fluorobenzyl)-3-isopropyl-5-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanol;

2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-5-isopropyl-3-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanol;

ethyl [4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]acetate;

ethyl [4-(3-fluorobenzyl)-3-isopropyl-5-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]acetate;

N^1-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}ethanediamide;

N-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}-6-oxo-1,6-dihydro-3-pyridazinecarboxamide;

N-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}-1,5-dimethyl-1*H*-pyrazole-3-carboxamide;

2-[(aminocarbonyl)amino]-*N*-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}acetamide;

N-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}-2-ethoxyacetamide;

N-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}-2-pyridinecarboxamide;

N-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}-2-methoxyacetamide;

N-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}-6-oxo-1,6-dihydro-2-pyridinecarboxamide;

N-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}-2-pyrazinecarboxamide;

N-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}-2-oxo-2*H*-pyran-5-carboxamide;

N-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}-2-(1*H*-tetraazol-1-yl)acetamide;

N-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}tetrahydro-2-furancarboxamide;

N-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}-3-hydroxybenzamide;

N-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}-2-hydroxyacetamide;

N-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}-1,2,3-thiadiazole-4-carboxamide;

N-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}-2-(dimethylamino)acetamide;

2-cyano-*N*-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}acetamide;

N-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}-2-fluorobenzamide;

N-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}-*N'*-propylurea;

N-benzoyl-*N'*-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}urea;

2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3-isopropyl-5-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanol;

ethyl [4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3-isopropyl-5-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]acetate;

ethyl [4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-5-isopropyl-3-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]acetate;

4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazole;

2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-dimethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanol;

2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-5-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanol;

2-{4-[(4-chlorophenyl)sulfanyl]-3,5-dimethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl}ethanol;

ethyl [4-(3-chlorobenzyl)-3-isopropyl-5-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]acetate;

ethyl [4-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-isopropyl-5-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]acetate;

4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3-isopropyl-5-methyl-1*H*-pyrazole;

4-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-isopropyl-5-methyl-1*H*-pyrazole;

4-(3-fluorobenzyl)-3-isopropyl-5-methyl-1*H*-pyrazole;

4-(3-chlorobenzyl)-3-isopropyl-5-methyl-1*H*-pyrazole;

2-{4-[(3,5-dichlorophenyl)sulfanyl]-3,5-dimethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl}ethanol;

2-{4-[(3,5-dichlorophenyl)sulfonyl]-3,5-dimethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl}ethanol;

4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-dimethyl-1*H*-pyrazole;

2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-dimethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanamine;

2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-5-ethyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanol;

2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3-ethyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanol;

2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-5-ethyl-3-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanol;

2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3-ethyl-5-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanol;

2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3-(dimethylamino)-5-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanol;

2-[4-(3,5-dimethylbenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanol;

2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-5-methoxy-3-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanol;

2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-5-(2-furyl)-3-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanol;

(3,5-dichlorophenyl)[3,5-diethyl-1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1*H*-pyrazol-4-yl]methanone;

(±)-2-{4-[(3,5-dichlorophenyl)(methoxy)methyl]-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl}ethanol;

2-[4-(2,6-difluorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanol;

2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl carbamate;

methyl 3-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]propanoate;

ethyl 3-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]propanoate;

3-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]propanamide;

3-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]-1-propanol;

[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]methanol;

[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]methyl carbamate;

2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanamine;

N-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}benzamide;

N-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}-1-methyl-1*H*-imidazole-4-sulfonamide;

ethyl 4-[(3,5-dichlorophenyl)sulfanyl]-5-ethyl-1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1*H*-pyrazole-3-carboxylate;

ethyl 4-[(3,5-dichlorophenyl)sulfanyl]-3-ethyl-1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1*H*-pyrazole-5-carboxylate;

4-[(3,5-dichlorophenyl)sulfanyl]-5-ethyl-1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1*H*-pyrazole-3-carboxamide;

2-[4-[(3,5-dichlorophenyl)sulfanyl]-5-ethyl-3-(hydroxymethyl)-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanol;

3-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]-1-propanamine;

2-[4-[(3,5-dichlorophenyl)sulfanyl]-3-ethyl-5-(hydroxymethyl)-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanol;

N-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}-2,2-difluoroacetamide;

[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]methyl phenyl imidodicarbonate;

N-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}-*N'*-(2,6-difluorobenzoyl)urea;

N-{2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethyl}-2,4-dioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-5-pyrimidinesulfonamide;

ethyl 4-[(3,5-dichlorophenyl)sulfanyl]-5-ethyl-1*H*-pyrazole-3-carboxylate;

[4-[(3,5-dichlorophenyl)sulfanyl]-5-ethyl-1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1*H*-pyrazol-3-yl]acetonitrile;

[4-[(3,5-dichlorophenyl)sulfonyl]-5-ethyl-1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1*H*-pyrazol-3-yl]acetonitrile;

2-{4-[(3,5-dichlorophenyl)sulfanyl]-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl}ethanol;

4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3-ethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-5-amine;

ethyl 4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3-ethyl-1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1*H*-pyrazol-5-ylcarbamate;

N-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3-ethyl-1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1*H*-pyrazol-5-yl]-2-methoxyacetamide;

2-[4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-5-(dimethylamino)-3-ethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanol;

ethyl 4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-5-methyl-1*H*-pyrazole-3-carboxylate;

ethyl 4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-3-methyl-1*H*-pyrazole-5-carboxylate;

tert-butyl 4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-5-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-3-ylcarbamate;

2-[3-amino-4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-5-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanol;

ethyl [4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-5-methoxy-3-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]acetate;
2-[5-amino-4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-3-ethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanol;
5-{[3,5-diethyl-1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1*H*-pyrazol-4-yl]methyl}isophthalonitrile;
5-[(3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-4-yl)methyl]isophthalonitrile;
5-{[1-(2-aminoethyl)-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-4-yl]methyl}isophthalonitrile;
2-{4-[(3,5-dibromophenyl)sulfanyl]-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl}ethanol; and
5-{[3,5-diethyl-1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1*H*-pyrazol-4-yl]sulfanyl}isophthalonitrile;
and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts and solvates thereof.--

--152. (New) The compound of claim 151, wherein said compound is selected from the group consisting of 2-{4-[(3,5-dichlorophenyl)sulfanyl]-3,5-dimethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl}ethanol; 2-[4-[(3,5-dichlorophenyl)sulfanyl]-3-ethyl-5-(hydroxymethyl)-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanol; and 2-{4-[(3,5-dichlorophenyl)sulfanyl]-3,5-diethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl}ethanol.--

The above amendments add no new matter to this application. Applicants respectfully request their entry.